



## **Online Application Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1Q) What grade must I be in during the 2008-2009 school year to use this application?**

1 Answer) Students who are in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2008-2009 school year can use this application

### **2 Q) Is there a pledge of citizenship that I must agree to become a part of this program?**

2 Answer) Yes, the Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge is as follows:

- I will graduate with an Indiana High School Diploma from a charter school, freeway school or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- I will achieve a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- I will not use illegal drugs or alcohol, or commit a crime.
- I will apply for admission to an eligible Indiana college, university or proprietary institution as a high school senior.
- I will apply on time for state and federal financial aid.

### **3Q) What do I get from this program?**

3 Answer) You can get up to four years of undergraduate college tuition to attend an eligible Indiana public or private college, university or proprietary institution if you're a Twenty-first Century Scholar. The program also provides support so that you, your parents, and your school can work together to help you be successful as you continue your education.

### **4Q) Besides applying to the program, what do I need to do to be eligible to receive the scholarship?**

4 Answer) You must do the following to be eligible to receive the scholarship:

- Fulfill the Scholars pledge to the State of Indiana.
- Meet the guidelines for Indiana student financial aid.
- Go to college within two years of graduating from high school.

### **5Q) Am I eligible to enroll in this program?**

5 Answer) You qualify if you:

- Are a resident of Indiana as an applicant and as an award recipient (determined by the residency of your parent or legal guardian)
- Are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. For more information about citizenship qualifications, call 1-888-528-4719.
- Are enrolled in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade at a charter school, freeway school, or other Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education.
- Fulfill the Twenty-first Century Scholars Pledge.
- Meet income eligibility requirements. To apply for the program, your family income must not exceed the income maximums for the program.

**6Q) What are the income Maximums for the program?**

6 Answer) The 2008-2009 Twenty-first Century Scholars Income Maximums are as follows:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
2	\$25,900
3	\$32,560
4	\$39,220
5	\$45,880
6	\$52,540

For each additional person in your household, add \$6,660.

**7Q) What year of household income should be included on the application?**

7 Answer) All 2008 income from all sources received in the applicant's household should be included on the application.

**8Q) Who should be included as part of the household size on the application?**

8 Answer) All persons living in the same household as the applicant should be included in the household size on the application. Only people physically residing in the same household as the applicant can be included in the household size.

**9Q) Whose income should I use on the application if I live half of the year with each of my parents?**

9 Answer) If your parents have joint physical custody, then you should provide the household size and accompanying income for either of the two parents' households in which you reside.

**10Q) One of my parent's pays child support for a child(ren) who does not live in my household, should we include this child(ren) in our household size?**

10 Answer) No, the child receiving support is not living in your household and therefore should not be included in the household size on your application.

**11Q) My 2008 household income exceeds the program guidelines, can we use our 2007 or estimated 2009 income on the application?**

11 Answer) No, only 2008 income should be supplied on the application.

**12Q) One of my parent's lost their job during 2008 or 2009, how should we complete the income section of this application?**

12 Answer) Your parent(s) should include all income they earned during the 2008 year (as reported on their 2008 federal income tax return).

**13 Q) Although my household income exceeds the program guidelines at this time, will you reevaluate my application at a later time if our income situation should change for the worse in the future?**

13 Answer) No, applications are only considered when students are in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will not reconsider applications due to changes in household income.

**14Q) I qualify for free or reduced lunches through my school. Does this automatically make me eligible for the Twenty-first Century Scholars program?**

14 Answer) No, all students must make application to the Twenty-first Century Scholars program and their household income must be within the program guidelines in order to be enrolled in the Twenty-first Century Scholars program. Likewise, it is not a requirement of the program that students must participate in the free and reduced lunch program in order to qualify to enroll in the Twenty-first Century Scholars program.

**15Q) If my household income is greater than the program maximums, making me ineligible to enroll in the program while in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, can I reapply to the program in the 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade?**

15 Answer) Yes, you may apply to the Twenty-first Century Scholars program in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Your household income must be within the program guidelines for at least one year in order for you to be enrolled in the program.

**16Q) I am currently home schooled, can I enroll in the program?**

16 Answer) No, home schools are not recognized by the Indiana Department of Education and therefore are not considered eligible schools to enroll students into the Twenty-first Century Scholars Program.